



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4  
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER  
61 FORSYTH STREET  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

June 13, 2000

SITE: LANDIA CHEMICAL  
BREAK: 3.1  
OTHER: v. 172

Terry R. Ritter, P.E.  
City of Lakeland Public Works Department  
Engineering Division  
228 S. Massachusetts Avenue  
Lakeland, Florida 33801-5086

Dear Mr. Ritter,

This letter is to request your assistance in addressing a couple of issues regarding the concreted portion of the Wayman Street ditch in the Westgate neighborhood. As you know, EPA is in the process of conducting a remedial investigation at the Landia Chemical Site in Lakeland to completely determine the nature and extent of contamination from the Site and to develop alternatives for remediating the Site. In addition, the final phases of our short-term action or "removal" are being planned. We will hold another public meeting either at the end of June or in mid-July to discuss the removal with the community. The removal is expected to begin this summer, shortly after the public meeting.

I need your assistance to address a couple of issues which have arose during the course of our investigation. Some of the residents in the area are concerned about two open pipes which are visible when the ditch is dry. These pipes are located in the bottom of the ditch just west of where the bridge crosses the ditch at Southern Avenue. Please provide me the information on the purpose of these pipes so I can address this issue with the residents. I would guess that these two pipes were put in when the bridge was built, to relieve the pressure on the concrete from the groundwater underneath. The other issue is in regard to the maintenance of the ditch. Residents are concerned about cracks which have developed in the ditch lining. Please let me know the city's plan for maintaining the ditch until the major improvements are made.

Thank you for helping address these concerns. If you need any additional information or clarification, please call me at (404) 562-8939 or email me at [denman.bill@epa.gov](mailto:denman.bill@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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